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Executive, CIA  
(Through: Management Officer)  
Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates  
Request for Increase in ORE Table of Organization

1. The establishment of a small psychological intelligence unit in the Office of Reports and Estimates of the Central Intelligence Agency has now become necessary in order to fulfill the following pressing obligations:

a. Production of new types of intelligence to meet heavy requirements which have already been levied against the Central Intelligence Agency by the NSC 59 organization and by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

b. Anticipated production of additional intelligence to meet new and continuing requirements of these same organizations, as well as the requirements of any other agencies which may be authorized to plan or conduct psychological warfare.

c. Provision of the broad foundation of psychological intelligence needed to support and guide national security and policy planning, whether in peace, cold war, or actual war.

d. Establishment of a level of psychological intelligence competence capable of advising and assisting ORE producing components in detecting and relating to other factors the psychological aspects of their various intelligence problems.

e. Provision of psychological intelligence advice and support to special interdepartmental intelligence facilities, such as the [redacted] Committee.

f. Development of standards and methods for the production of psychological intelligence.

2. There presently exists in the Office of Reports and Estimates no unit which is staffed or designed to perform the functions listed above. Moreover, it has been concluded, after careful study, that no unit of ORE could effectively fulfill such functions, in addition to its own, even with increased personnel. Psychological intelligence manifestly constitutes a distinct field of competence which must be related but not subordinated to other aspects of national intelligence.

3. It is therefore requested that the overall strength of the Office of Reports and Estimates be increased by four positions as indicated below:

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a. One GS-15 Intelligence Officer to perform duties as indicated under Tab A. The qualifications for this position are included as Inclosure 1 to Tab A.

b. Two GS-14 Intelligence Officers to perform duties as indicated under Tabs B and C. Qualifications for these positions are included as Inclosure 1 to Tab B and Inclosure 1 to Tab C.

c. One GS-5 Clerk (Stenography) to provide clerical support for the proposed Psychological Intelligence Unit.

d. This unit will be attached to the Office of the Assistant Director for administration during the period of its initial activation and pending further organizational considerations.

e. It is further requested that this Office be authorized to conduct preliminary explorations with respect to the availability of suitably qualified personnel for the foregoing positions subsequent to approval of the increase in the Table of Organization. The results of such explorations will be fully coordinated with the CIA Administrative Staff.

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**Attachments**

Tabs A, B, and C with inclosures

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